

Joint Indigenous Health Research Project (Latin America)



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Project Summary	Work with a Latin American group of researchers to develop health statistics and data analytics of use in comparing and contrasting strategies for the care of specific Indigenous population of children located high in the Andes mountains
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	Argentina

Project Description

A research group in Argentina will work with the Indian Health Service to study indigenous health in Argentinian children using biomarkers and other indicators for comparison to similar populations in the US. Their current list of publications includes: Vitamin D Levels at different Altitudes, Type 2 diabetes markers or blood pressure levels in indigenous children living at different altitudes. This position would fully integrate with both project teams in the US and Argentina and act as both data analyst and liaison. All members of the US team have worked internationally, and Kirk Greenway is the Principal Statistician of the Indian Health Service and the managing editor of the publications, Trends in Indian Health and Regional Differences in Indian Health. This would be an example of an international science project work in a bilateral, multilingual context.

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Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Coding

Cultural diplomacy

Data analysis

Additional Information

Although the official language of Argentina is Spanish, several Indigenous languages are in use. Most are spoken only within their respective indigenous communities, some with very few remaining speakers. Others, especially Aymara, Quechua (South Bolivian Quechua and Santiago del Estero Quichua), Toba (Qom) and Guaraní (Western Argentine Guaraní, Paraguayan Guaraní, Mbyá Guaraní), are alive and in common use in specific regions. Knowledge of Spanish is essential, but the ability to work with and pick up on the fly an indigenous language would be helpful. Background in pragmatic ethnography and health sciences (epidemiology, clinical chemistry, human biology, health statistics/biostatistics) is a plus. It would be ideal if the candidate were Argentinian, possibly from Northern Argentina near Salta or if the candidate had exposure to the Quechua language.

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Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Spanish	Full professional proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Required